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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8140

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 3615

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PGOV CS

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL IN COSTA RICA OF EXECUTIVE JET--  
PRESUMABLY FOR VESCO'S USE

REF: TARAF MEMCON DTD 8-23-74

1. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT A CESSNA CITATION JET WAS FLOWN INTO COSTA RICA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 17 FOR AN INSPECTION BY BUYERS WHO INTNED TO CLOSE \$800,000 CASH PURCHASE ON SEPTEMBER 18. THE PURCHASE WILL OSTENSIBLY BE MADE WITH PROIN GROUP FINANCING AND THE AIRCRAFT TURNED OVER TO THE SMALL AIR TAXI SERVICE KNOWN AT TAXI AEREO, OWNED BY EX-OR CURRENT U.S. CITIZEN PAT HATCH. THIS AIRCRAFT, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCE, WAS BROUGHT IN HURRIEDLY AS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND AVAILABLE AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO THE BUYERS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL FROM REFERENCED MEMCON (PAGE 2, LAST PARAGRAPH), ROBERT VESCO HAS BEEN BEREFT OF AIRCRAFT SINCE HIS LAST ONE WAS IMPOUNDED BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN SAN ANTONIO ON AUGUST 21. IN A CONVERSATION WITH TARAF, SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF THE MEMCON, EMBASSY LEARNED THAT VESCO WAS WORKING WITH  
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THE PROIN GROUP PRESIDENT, ARNOLDO RODRIQUEZ, TO

IMPORT A LEAR JET WHICH WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE REGISTERED  
WITH THE AIRLINE TAXI AEREO. THE INFORMATION THAT  
THIS CESSNA HAS ARRIVED WOULD INDICATE THAT THE ARRANGEMENT  
HAS BEEN CONSUMMATED AND THE CESSNA SUBSTITUTED FOR THE  
LEAR.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS DEVELOPED.  
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